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Dear Committee Members

I would like to make a submission opposing the proposed Bill on Abortion Law Reform.

This Bill seeks to allow abortion up until birth which is a very barbaric and retrograde step. This would legalise piecemeal dismemberment of near term foetuses causing immeasurable pain and suffering. Studies have shown that the foetus can feel pain from as early as 20weeks - doctorsonfetalpain.com - imagine the amount of pain when limbs are being torn off during an abortion of a late term foetus. Because of this, many US states have now banned late term abortions.

Secondly, the Bill removes the right of conscientious objection from doctors and health care workers. In a democratic society we should respect the right of citizens to act according to their beliefs and not be forced to commit an act against their conscience. Ironically the MP's will get a conscience vote, but not the health care workers!

I urge you to consider these points when making your decision and recommend rejection of the Bill.

Yours sincerely

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